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TO THE

READER.

BEholding and taking into Consideration the Condition of the Protestant Religion at present, it caused me to recollect, and unite so many Collections as I could find amongst my Manuscripts for this purpose. Chiefly to set forth this small Narrative of the Reformation of the Protestant Faith, first established within this Realm of Ireland; entituling the same, The Life and Death of GEORGE BROWNE, sometime Archbishop of Dublin; as he was the first of the Clergy here in this Nation that adhered thereunto. Also to set forth Romes Contrivances, how she and her Emis-saries endeavoured to oppose both God and Majestrate, purposely to darken the Glorious Beams of the holy Gospel, which at that time was but newly (like a Plant) sprouting out of the Earth, recovering of its strength, after a hard and tedious winter season, having met with many sharp Nips; yet, through Gods Providence, how it gathered strength, and hath hitherto flourished in spite

of all evil Oppositions whatsoever, contrived by Rome and her Adherents, to depress the same. The Narrative will speak for it self, not bringing forth Rayling Accusations, which too many do either in Pulpits or in Libels in these days, which doth but open a Gap for Satan and his Imps to divide Protestants, but plainly laying before you History and Records, collected by wise and judicious men, whose Memorials to future Ages, give a second Breathing, though dead, yet by their Works still living.

Behold and taking into Consideration the Condition of the Protestant Religion at present, it cannot be so much to be regretted, and not to be forgotten, that I have not been able to collect more. I could find enough, but I have not been able to find more. I wish to set forth this small Narrative of the Restoration of the Protestant Religion, first established in this Kingdom of Ireland; containing the same, The Life and Death of George Browne, sometime Archbishop of Dublin; as he was the first of the Clergy here in this Nation that adhered thereto. Also to set forth Romes Contrivances, how she and her Empire, was endeavored to oppose both God and Mankind, and to darken the Glorious Beams of the holy Gospel, which at that time was but newly (like a Plant) springing out of the Earth, recovering of its strength, after a hard and tedious winter season, having met with many sharp Nips; yet, through Gods Providence, born it grew in strength, and hath hitherto flourished in light.

*The Reformation of the CHURCH of IRELAND,
in the Life and Death of GEORGE BROWNE,
sometime Archbishop of Dublin, &c.*

GEORGE BROWNE, by Birth an Englishman and of the Order of St. Augustine in London, who by space of time became Provincial of the Friars of the same Order in England, being a man of a meek and peaceable Spirit, upon the sad Accident that befell

John Allen his Predecessor, who had been Archbishop of Dublin, a Description of whom may at large be read not only in the Chronicle called *The Second Addition to Giraldus Cambrensis of Ireland*, but also in Sir James Wares Book titled *De Prasulibus Hibernie*, pag. 118 & 119. to whom we refer the Reader, where he may find that this George was preferred to the Archiepiscopal See of Dublin by King Henry the Eighth, and consecrated before his Arrival into Ireland, by Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, two other Bishops assisting him, viz. John then Bishop of Rochester and Nicholas then Bishop of Sarisburi, on the 19th of March, Anno 1535, Styl. Angl. *Hayton*

The Reverend *James Wsher* late Primate of Armagh, amongst his Memorials of Ireland, gives this holy Father this Description; George Browne a man of a cheerful Countenance, in his Acts and Deeds plain down right, to the Poor merciful and compassionate, pitying the state and condition of the Souls of the people, advising them, when he was Provincial of the Augustine Order in England, to make their applications, solely to Christ, which Advice coming to the Ears of Henry the 8th. he became a Favourite, who upon the decease of John Allen late Archbishop of Dublin became his Successor, within five years after that he had enjoyed that See, he (much about the time that King Henry the 8th. began to demolish the Priories, Abbeyes and Monasteries formerly baild by the Romish Clergy within these his Majesties Dominions of England and Ireland) caused all Superstitious Reliques and Images to be removed out of the two Cathedrals in Dublin, and out of the rest of the Churches within his Diocess, he caused the Ten Commandments, the Lords Prayer and the Creed to be placed, being gilded and in Frames about the Altar in the Cathedral of Christ Church in Dublin, he was the first that turned from the Romish Religion of the Clergy here in Ireland, to embrace the Reformation of the Church of England; for which Fact he was by

Geo. Browne
his first Function, and when he was Consecrated Archbishop of Dublin.

Vid. James Ware de Prasulibus Hibernie page 119. & Annales page 193.

Primate Usher his description of this George Browne.

Queen Mary laid aside, and his Temporality taken from him, yet he patiently endured Affliction for the Truth to the end.

Upon the Reformation of King Henry 8th in England, and at his Renouncing the Papal Power or Supremacy of Rome, his Chief the Lord Thomas Cromwell then Lord Privy Seal wrote unto George Browne then Archbishop of Dublin, signifying from His Highness the King, (then terming the King by that Title) he was fallen absolutely from Rome in Spiritual matters within his Dominion of England, and how it was his Royal Will and Pleasure to have his Subjects there in Ireland to obey his Commands as in England, nominating the said George Browne Archbishop one of his Commissioners for the Execution thereof, who in a short space of time wrote to the Lord Privy Seal, as follows:

My most Honour'd Lord,

Your humble Servant receiving your Mandate, as one of His Highness's Commissioners, hath endeavoured almost to the danger and hazard of this temporal Life, to procure the Nobility and Gentry of this Nation to due Obedience, in owning of his Highness their Supreme Head as well Spiritual as Temporal, and do find much oppugning therein, especially by my Brother Armagh, who hath been the main-oppugner; and so hath withdrawn most of his Suffragans and Clergy within his See and Jurisdiction, he made a Speech to them, laying a Curse on the people whosoever should own his Highness's Supremacy; saying, that this Isle, as it is in their Irish Chronicle, Insula sacra, belongs to none but to the Bishop of Rome, and that it was the Bishop of Rome's Predecessors gave it to the Kings Ancestors. There be two Messengers by the Priests of Armagh, and by that Archbishop, now lately sent to the Bishop of Rome. Your Lordship may inform His Highness, that it is convenient to call a Parliament in this Nation, to pass the Supremacy by Act; for they do not much matter His Highness's Commission which your Lordship sent us over. This Island hath been for a long time held in Ignorance by the Romish Orders; and as for their Secular Orders, they be in a manner as ignorant as the people, being not able to say Mass, or pronounce the Words, they not knowing what they themselves say in the Roman Tongue; the Common people of this Isle are more zealous in their Blindness than the Saints and Martyrs were in the Truth at the beginning of the Gospel. I send to you my very good Lord these things, that your Lordship and His Highness may consult what is to be done. It is feared O'Neal will be ordered by the Bishop of Rome to oppose your Lordship's Order from the Kings Highness; for the Natives are much in Numbers within his Power. I do pray the Lord Christ to defend your Lordship from your Enemies. Dublin 4. Kalend. Septembris, 1535.

The Year following a Parliament was called in Ireland, the Lord Leonard Grey being then King Henry's Vice-Roy of that Nation, in which George Browne, then being not many Months above a Year in his Archbishopric in Dublin, stood up and made this short Speech following:

My Lords and Gentry of this His Majesties Realm of Ireland,

BEhold, your Obedience to your King is the Observing of your God and Saviour Christ; for He, that High Priest of our Souls, paid Tribute to Cesar (though no Christian;) greater Honour then surely is due to your Prince His Highness the King, and a Christian one: Rome and her Bishops in the Fathers days acknowledged Emperors, Kings and Princes to be Supreme over their Dominions, nay Christs own Vicars: And it is much to the Bishop of Romes shame, to deny what their precedent Bishops owned; therefore His Highness claims but what he can justifie; The Bishop Elutherius gave to St. Lucius the first Christian King of the Britains; so that I shall without scrupling vote His Highness King Henry my Supreme over Ecclesiastick matters as well as Temporal, and Head thereof; even of both Isles England and Ireland, and that without Guilt of Conscience or Sin to God; and he who will not pass this Act, as I do, is no true Subject to His Highness.

This Speech of George Brown Rattled the other Bishops and Lords so, that at last through great difficulty it passed; upon which Speech Justice Braxton seconded him, as appears by his Letter to the Lord Thomas Cromwell then Lord Privy Seal of England, which original is in that famous Library of Sir Robert Cotton, out of which Sir James Ware, that learned Antiquary, transcribed the same.

Within few years after that the Act of Supremacy had past in Ireland, we do find by a Letter written by George Browne to the Lord Cromwell, complaining of the Clergy and how they fall off from what had past, and how the Bishop of Rome and Ireland had conspired matters against the Reformation. Collected by Sir James Ware, out of an old Registry book in the custody of Adam Loftus, Archbishop of Dublin, and a Bishop of Dublin.

Geo. Browne
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Speech.

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The Year following a Parliament was called in Ireland, the Lord which in which
Right Honourable and my singular good Lord,

Geo. Browne
his complaint
to the Lord
Privy Seal of
the United
Kingdoms of
England and
Ireland
Clergy

I Acknowledge my bounden Duty to your Lordships Good will to me, next to my Saviour Christs, for the Place I now possess; I pray God give me his Grace to execute the same to his Glory and His Highness Honour, with your Lordships Instructions. The People of this Nation be zealous, yet blind and unknowing; most of the Clergy, as your Lordship hath had from me before, being ignorant, and not able to speak right Words in the Mass or Liturgy, as being not skilled in the *Latin Grammar*; so that a Bird may be taught to speak with as much sense as several of them do in this Country. These sorts, though not Scholars, yet crafty to cozen the poor Common people, and to dissuade them from following His Highness Orders: *George* my Brother of *Armagh* doth underhand occasion Quarrels, and is not active to execute His Highness's Orders in his Diocess.

His Com-
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I have observed your Lordships Letter of Commission, and do find several of my Pupils leave me for so doing. I will not put others in their Livings till I do know your Lordships Pleasure; for it is meet I acquaint you first, the *Romish* Reliques and Images of both my Cathedrals in *Dublin*, of the *Holy Trinity* and of *St. Patricks*, took off the Common people from the true Worship, but the Prior and the Dean find them so sweet for their Gain, that they heed not my Words: therefore send in your Lordships next to me an Order more full, and a Chide to them and their Canons, that they might be removed. Let the Order be, that the Chief Governours may assist me in it. The Prior and Dean have written to *Rome* to be encouraged, and if it be not hindered before they have a Mandate from the Bishop of *Rome*, the People will be bold, and then tugg long before His Highness can submit them to His Graces Orders. The Country Folk here much hate your Lordship, and despitefully call you in their *Irish* Tongue the *Blacksmiths Son*.

His Com-
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Holy Trinity
and Dean of
St. Patricks in
Dublin, and
how the *Irish*
King
Privy Seal.

The Duke of *Norfolk* is by *Armagh*, and that Clergy desired to assist them not to suffer his Highness to alter Church Rules here in *Ireland*: as a Friend I desire your Lordship to look to your Noble Person; for *Rome* hath a great kindness for that Duke (for it is so talked here) and will reward him and his Children. *Rome* hath great Favours for this Nation, purposely to oppose His Highness; and so have got, since the Act passed, great Indulgences for Rebellion, therefore my hopes is lost, yet my Zeal is to do according to your Lordships Orders. God keep your Lordship from your Enemies here and in *England*. *Dublin* the 3d. Kalends of *April*. 1538.

The Duke
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the Irish com-
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bel in *Ireland*

To the Lord Privy Seal
his Honourable good
Lordships

Ex Antographo.

Your Lordships at
Commandment,

George Browne.

Soon after this Letter had been written, News came to the Castle of *Dublin*, that the Bishop of *Rome* had sent over a Bull of Excommunication of all those who had or shall own the Kings Supremacy within the *Irish* Nation; which Caused the Archbishop to write accordingly.

A Bull from
Rome, excom-
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Right Honourable,

My Duty premised, it may please your Lordship to be advertised, since my last there has come to *Armagh* and his Clergy a private Commission from the Bishop of *Rome*, prohibiting His Gracious Highness's people here in this Nation, to own his Royal Supremacy, and joyning a Curse to all them and theirs who shall not within forty days, confess to their Confessors, (after the publishing of it to them) that they have done amiss in so doing: the substance, as our Secretary hath translated the same into English, is thus.

I A B. from this present hour forward in the presence of the Holy Trinity of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God/ of St. Peter, of the holy Apostles/ Archangels/ Angels/ Saints and of all the holy Host of Heaven/ shall and will be always obe-

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dient to the holy See of St. Peter of Rome/ and to my holy Lord the Pope of Rome and his Successors/ in all things as well spiritual as temporal/ not consenting in the least that his Holiness shall lose the least Title or Dignity belonging to the Papacy of our Mother Church of Rome/ or to the Regality of St. Peter.

I do vow and swear to maintain/ help and assist the just Laws/ Liberties and Rights of the Mother Church of Rome.

I do likewise promise to confer/ defend and promote/ if not personally/ yet willingly/ as in ability/ either by Advice/ Skill/ Estate/ Money or otherwise/ the Church of Rome and her Laws against all whatsoever resisting the same.

I further vow to oppugn all Hereticks/ either in making or setting forth Edicts or Commands contrary to the Mother Church of Rome, and in case any such to be moved or composed/ to resist it to the uttermost of my power/ with the first convenience and opportunity I can possible.

I count and value all Acts made or to be made by Heretical Powers of no force or worth/ or to be practised or obeyed by myself/ or by any other Son of the Mother Church of Rome.

I do further declare him or her/ Father or Mother/ Brother or Sister/ Son or Daughter/ Husband or Wife/ Uncle or Nephew/ or Niece/ Kinsman or Kinswoman/ Master or Mistress and all others/ nearest or dearest Relations/ friend or Acquaintance whatsoever accursed/ that either do or shall hold for the time to come/ any Ecclesiastical or Civil/ above the Authority of the Mother Church/ or that do or shall obey/ or the time to come/ any of her the Mother Church's Opposers or Enemies/ or contrary to the same/ of which I have here sworn unto: so God/ the Blessed Virgin, St. Peter, St. Paul, and the holy Evangelists help &c.

His Highness Vice-Roy of this Nation is of little or no Power with the old Natives, therefore your Lordship will expect of me no more than I am able: This Nation is poor in Wealth, and not sufficient now at present to oppose them: It is observed, that ever since His Highness's Ancestors had this Nation in possession, the old Natives have been craving Foreign Powers to Assist and Rule them; and now both English Race and Irish begin to op-

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pose your Lordships Orders, and do lay aside their National old Quarrels, which I fear will, if any thing will, cause a Foreigner to invade this Nation, that will: I pray God I may be a false Prophet, yet your good Lordship must pardon mine opinion, for I write it to your Lordship as a Warning.

Dublin May 1538.

Your humble and true Servant

To the Lord Privy Seal
with speed.

George Browne.

Upon the Feast of St. John Baptist following the said George Browne seized on one Thady o Birne, one of the Order of St. Francis, who had Pa-
pers from Rome, as follows, being sent to the Lord Privy Seal by a Special messenger.

A Letter
found in a
Friars Pock-
et.

My Son o Neal,

THou and thy Fathers were all along faithful to the Mother Church of Rome. His Holiness Paul now Pope, and the Council of the holy Fathers there, have lately found out a Prophecy, there remaining, of one St. Lasertanus an Irish Bishop of Cashell; wherein he saith, That the Mother Church of Rome falleth when in Ireland the Catholick Faith is overcome; Therefore for the Glory of the Mother Church, the Honour of St. Peter, and your own Seureness, suppress Heresie and his Holiness's Enemies; for when the Roman Faith there perisheth, the See of Rome falleth also: therefore the Council of Cardinals have thought fit to encourage your Country of Ireland, (as a sacred Island) being certified, whilst the Mother Church hath a Son of worth as your self, and of those that shall succour you, and joyn therein, that she will never fall, but have more or less a holding in Britain, in spite of fate. Thus having obeyed the Order of the most sacred Council, we recommend your Princely Person to the holy Trinity of the Blessed Virgin, of St. Peter, St. Paul, and of all the heavenly Host of Heaven. Amen.

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Episcopus Metensis.

Upon further Examinations and searches made, this Thady o Birne was pillar d, and confined a prisoner until His Highness's further Order for his Tryal; but News coming over, that he must be Hanged, he made himself away in the Castle of Dublin, on the Eve of the Feast of St. James; yet his

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dead Corps was carried to the Gallows Green and hanged up, and after there buried: but it was said, by the Register of St. Francis Monastery of Dublin, that they brought him from thence and buried him in that Monastery.

George Brown having enjoyed the See of Dublin seven years or thereabouts, King Henry the 8th, upon the Dissolution of the Abbeyes, Priors and Monastries here in Ireland, changed the Priory of the Blessed Trinity of Dublin into a Deanery and Chapters, since which Mutation, it hath generally bore the Name of Christ Church.

Upon this Alteration, as it appears upon Record, this Cathedral consisted of a Dean and Chapters, a Chanter, a Treasurer, six Vicars, Chorals, and two Singing Boys, allowing to them two 45 l. 6 s. 8 d. English, (*durante bene placito*) which Sum his Daughter Queen Mary confirmed for ever, having confirmed the Deanery, yet with Alterations, as she was a Romanist,

This Cathedral continued after this said form (though not in Popery) even until King James his days, who then altered all what King Henry and his Daughter had done, and upon this second Alteration he constituted a Dean, a Chanter, a Chancellor, a Treasurer, three Prebends, six Vicars, Chorals, and four Singing Boys, ordering likewise that the Archdeacon of Dublin should have a Place in the Quire and a Vote in the Chapters. As for a further Description of this Cathedral, we shal omit it; having reserved the same for a large Narrative of the said Cathedral, in a Book which is ready for the Press, entituled, *The Antiquities of the City of Dublin*, which wanteth only the Liberality of Lovers of Antiquities and Learning to contribute to the Cuts which are intended for the same.

King Henry the 8th deceasing, and his hopeful Offspring King Edward the 6th succeeding within a short space after his Royal Fathers Death, that hopeful Prince (by the Advice of his Privy Council) began to consider what good Effects the Translation of the holy Bible had done, also how much it had enlightened the Understanding of his Subjects, they altered the Liturgy Book from what King Henry had formerly printed and established, causing the same to be printed in English, commanding the same to be read and sung in the several Cathedrals and Parish Churches of England, for the common Benefit of the Nobility, Gentry and Commonalty; and that his Subjects of Ireland might likewise participate of the same Sweetness, he sent over Orders to his Vice Roy Sir Anthony St. Leger, then being Lord Deputy of that Nation, that the same be forthwith there in Ireland observed within their several Bishopricks, Cathedrals and Parish Churches; which was first observed in Christ Church at Dublin, on the Feast of Easter 1551. before the said Sir Anthony, George Browne, and before the Mayor and Bayliffs of Dublin, John Lockwood being then Dean of the said Cathedral.

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The Translation of the Copy of the Order for the Liturgy of the Church of
England to be read in Ireland runs as follows.

EDWARD by the Grace of God, &c.

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Order for the
Liturgy of
the Church
of England to
be read in
Ireland. 301

Whereas our Gracious Father King Henry the 8th. of
happy memory/ taking into consideration the Bondage
and heavy Yoke that his true and faithful Subjects sustained
under the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome, as also the Ig-
norance the Commonalty were in/ how several fabulous Sto-
ries and lying Wonders misled our Subjects in both our
Realms of England and Ireland, grasping thereby the means
thereof into their hands/ also dispensing with the Sins of
our Nations by their Indulgences and Pardons for Gam-
purposely to cherish all evil Vices/ as Robberies/ Rebellions/
Thefts/ Whoredoms/ Blasphemy/ Idolatry/ &c. He/ our Gra-
tious Father King Henry of happy memory/ hereupon dissolved
Houses/ Monasteries/ Abbies/ and other pretended Reli-
gious Houses/ as being but Purseries for Dice and Lurery/
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Churches within his Dominions for
to increase their Knowledge of God and
We therefore/ for the general
Subjects Understandings/ when
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ches/ either to praye/ or hear Papers read/ that they may the
better join therein/ in Unity/ Hearts and Voice/ have caused
the Liturgy and Papers of the Church to be translated into
our Mother Tongue of this Realm of England, according to the
Assembly of Divines lately met within the same for that pur-
pose. We therefore Will and Command/ as also Authorize
you Sir Anthony St. Leger Knight/ our Vice-Roy of that our
Kingdom of Ireland, to give special notice to all our Clergy/ as
well Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons, as other our Secular
Parish Priests within that our said Kingdom of Ireland, to perfect/
execute and obey this our Royal Will & Pleasure accordingly.
Given at our Mannor of Greenwich Febr. 6. in the Fifth year of our Reige.
To our trusty and well-beloved Sir Anth. St. Leger Knt.

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The Translation of the Copy of the Order for the Liberty of the Church of England to be read in Church in haste to be had

Several Collections from **Anthony Martin, formerly**

Bishop of Meath.

Before Proclamations were issued out, Sir **Anthony St. Leger**, upon His Order, called an Assembly of the Archbishops and Bishops, together with other of the then Clergy of *Ireland*, in which Assembly he signified unto them as well His Majesties Order aforesaid, as also the Opinions of those Bishops and Clergy of *England*, who had adhered unto the Order, saying, that it was His Majesties Will and Pleasure, contenting unto their serious Considerations and Opinions, then acted and agreed on in *England* as to Ecclesiastical matters, that the same be in *Ireland* to likewise celebrated and performed.

Sir **Anthony St. Leger** having spoken to this effect, **George Dowdall** succeeded **George Cramer** in the Primacy of *Armagh*, (who by his *Romish* Zeal to the Pope) laboured with all his power and pole the Liturgy of the Church, that it might not be in the Church; saying, then shall every illiterate fellow as he in those days termed the word Service.

To this Saying of the Archbishops, Sir **Anthony** is mistaken, for we have two many illiterates, who neither can pronounce the *Latine*, nor than the Common people that hear the Liturgy in *English*, they and the Priest for.

Upon this Reply, **George Dowdall** bawled, for the Clergies Curle,

Sir **Anthony** made answer, I fear no strange Curle, so long as I have the Blessing of that Church which I believe to be the true one.

The Archbishop again said, Can there be a truer Church than the Church of *Saint Peter*, the Mother Church of *Rome*.

Sir **Anthony** returned this answer, I thought we had been all of the Church of *Christ*: for he calls all true Believers in him his Church, and himself the Head thereof.

The Archbishop replied, and is not *St. Peter* the Church of *Christ*.

Sir **Anthony** returned this Answer, *St. Peter* was a Member of *Christs* Church, but the Church was not *St. Peters*, neither was *St. Peter*, but *Christ* the Head thereof.

his Majesty's Order for the Liberty of the Church of England to be read in Church in haste to be had

Sir **Anthony St. Leger** his Arguments with **George Dowdall**, *Archbishop of Armagh*.

Sir **Anthony** is reply to **George Dowdall**.

George Dowdall to Sir **Anthony**

Sir **Anthony** to **Geo. Dowdall**.

George Dowdall's Reply.

Sir **Anthony's** Return.

George Dowdall.

Sir **Anthony**.

was consecrated in lieu of him, though then living; by which it was then held lawful: as also that constituting of Archbishops and Bishops was in the power of Kings, and not in the power of Popes, or of the Bishop of Rome, which would be much to the Abasement of the Powers of the Crown of England ever to resign, or to acknowledge to the contrary.

Hugh Goodacre Bachelour of Divinity was consecrated Archbishop of Armagh by the said *George Browne*, together with *John Bale* Bishop of Ossory, (already mentioned) in *Christ Church* in *Dublin*, on the second of February, Anno 1552. *Thomas* Bishop of *Kildare* and *Eugenius* Bishop of *Down* though *George Dowdall* was and *Conner* assisting him; yet notwithstanding *Hugh Goodacres* Consecration, *George Browne* then held the Title of Primacy of all Ireland. *Lanca*
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This Reformation and Alteration having not time to settle, or to take root, it was soon quashed and pulled down, by that lamentable loss of that hopeful Prince King *Edward* the Sixth, who died at *Greenwith* the 6th of June, 1553.

Upon King *Edward's* Decease, the Council having met to consult together upon the Affairs of these Dominions, as also how they might confirm and establish what they had already ordered and enacted, as well Ecclesiastical matters as Temporal; a Division soon sprung, some for the Choice of the Lady *Jane Gray*, others for *Queen Mary* the Kings Sister was voted *Queen* and she manifested which she made to the Council, to confirm by her Father King *Henry* the 8th. and her Honoured Council.

After she had been crowned and entered into the third year of her age, yet all that while combining with Rome and her Enemies, she accomplished her Designs, she revoked her fair Promises, (which with Papists is a Rule) esteeming it no sin to break Contracts or Covenants with Hereticks and Protestants, numbred with such sort of people; especially with Papists these promises vanished; and then began the *Romish* Church not only to undo what King *Henry* and his Son King *Edward* had reformed, but to prosecute the Reformers and Reformed with Fire and Faggot.

But to our purpose, upon the 11th of November Anno 1553. she recalled Sir *James Crofts*, and sent over Sir *Anthony St. Leger* Lord Deputy into Ireland. This Sir *Anthony* had not been half a year Chief Governour of Ireland, before *Queen Mary* revoked the Title of Primacy from *George Browne*, expelling *Hugh Goodacre* out of the Archbishoprick of Armagh, and recalling *George Dowdall* to his See, and restoring him to the Primacy of all Ireland, as formerly, which Title hath ever since stood.

without any Revocation either by Queen Elizabeth, or by any of her Successors.

George Browne, upon this Revocation, was by George Dowdall expelled, and not thought fit to continue in his See of Dublin, as being a married man, and it is thought, had he not been married he had been expelled, having appeared so much for the Reformation, in both these former Kings days, upon the expulſion of this George Browne, all the Temporalities belonging to the Archbishoprick were disposed of unto Thomas Lockwood then Dean of Christ Church in Dublin. It having been an ancient Custom ever upon the Translation or Death of any of those Archbishops, to deposite the Temporalities into the hands of the Priors formerly of that Cathedral, when it was a Priory, and called by the name of the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity. And it is observable, the last Prior became the first Dean upon the alteration as aforesaid.

George Browne
by George Dowdall expelled.

The See of Dublin after this Expulſion lay vacant for two years or thereabouts, until Hugh Corrin alias Corwine was placed therein. This Hugh was borne in Westmerland, a Doctor of the Law, being formerly Archdeacon of Oxford, and Dean of Hereford, he was consecrated Archbishop of Dublin in the Cathedral of St. Pauls in London on the 8th. of September, Anno 1551. and upon the 13th. of the same Month, was by Queen Mary made Archbishop of Ireland, and upon the 25th. of the said September, he received the Letters from the Queen, directed to Thomas Lockwood the Dean of Christ Church, containing an ancient custome formerly to recommend the Archbishoprick of Dublin, to be constituted for that See, to the Prior of that said Cathedral.

Hugh Corrin
succeeded Browne in
Archbishoprick of Dublin.

Queen Marys Letter to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church in Dublin, to receive the Archbishop of Dublin honourably, and with due respect. Copia vera, ex Libro nigro Sanctæ Trinitatis Dublini.

MARY the Queen.

Trusty and wellbeloved, We greet you well; and forasmuch as the Right Reverend Father in God, our Right trusty and wellbeloved Counsellor the Archbishop of Dublin, being lately chosen for that See, repairerth speedily to that our Realm of Ireland, as well to reside upon the Cure of his Bishoprick, which now of long time hath been destitute of a Catholick Bishop, as also to occupy the Office of our High Chancellor of that our Realm; albeit we have good hopes ye will in all things of your selves

might the better govern the Charge committed unto him, to the Honour of his
mighty God, and for the remain of our Service, VVe have thought fit to re-
quite and charge you that for your part ye do reverently serve him, honour
and humbly obey him in all things, as appertaineth to your Duties, tending to
Gods Glory, our Honour, and the Common weal of this our Realm; whereby
ye shall please God, and do us acceptable Service.

Given under our Signet at our Mannor of Greenwich the 2th of September
1554, in the second and third years of our Reign.

To our trusty and well beloved the Dean and
Chapter of the Cathedral of Christ Church
within our Realm of Ireland.

I have here inserted this Letter, upon two accounts, first as being a Re-
cord remaining in the Cathedral; secondly, because there had been some
discourse of late, whether the Archbishop of Dublin had power herein, or
whether it was upon King Henrys Mission made to Ireland, as the said
Chappel is, and no Cathedral; but by this Letter it shewes it is both still a
Cathedral, and subject to the Archbishop of Dublin.

George Browne lived not long after the Consecration of this High Altar
wine, yet I have amongst my Manuscripts, a Writing of a Papist, who would
fain have persuaded the world, that this George Browne dyed through Joy,
having had a Bull from the Pope to be restored to the See of Dublin, which
must needs be false, upon this account of Sir James Ware, who writes these
very words of him, in his Book titled De Hibernia, pag. 120.

1554. Circa id tempus Georgius Brownus (Episcopus effect) per Dow-
dallum Archiepiscopum Armachanum & Alios Reges & Catholicos est
otherwise the Pope, if he had granted such a Bull, must likewise have dis-
penssed with his Marriage, it being contrary to the Romish Tenets for
Bishops to marry. Having related thus much of George Browne, and of
Ecclesiastical matters during his life, we shall proceed a little further con-
cerning a short Sermon of his, preached unto the People in Christ Church,

upon the first Sunday after Easter, anno 1551. being a Copy of the same
given to Sir James Ware Knight, by Anthony Maria late Bishop of Meath,
who formerly was Tutor to the said Sir James Ware, when he was a Student
in Trinity Colledge Dublin.

The **TEXT**, *Psal. 119. Ver. 18.*
Open mine eyes, that I may see the wonders of thy Law.

THE wonders of the Lord God have for a long time been hid from the children of Men, which hath hapned by *Rome's* not permitting the common people to read the holy Scriptures, for to prevent you, that you might not know the comfort of your Salvation, but to depend wholly on the Church of *Rome*, they will not permit it to be in any tongue but in the Latin, saying that Latin was the *Roman* tongue: But the wonderful God inspired the holy Apostles with the knowledge of all Languages, that they might teach all people in their proper Tongue and Language, which caused our wise King *Henry*, before his death, to have the holy Scriptures transferred into the *English* Tongue, for the good of his Subjects, that their eyes may be opened to behold the wondrous things out of the Law of the Lord. But there are false Prophets at this instant, and will be to the end of the World, that shall deceive you with false Doctrines, expounding this Text, or that, purposely to confound your understandings, and to captivate you into a wilderness of Confusion, whom you take as your friends; but they shall be your greatest enemies; speaking against the Tenents of *Rome*, and yet be set on by *Rome*; these shall be a rigid people full of fury and envy.

But to prevent these things that are to come, observe Christ and his Apostles, *Let all things be done with decency, with mildness, and in order*, fervently crying unto God, *Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold the wondrous things out of thy Law*, then should ye rightly keep the Law and the Prophets: It is the part of a Prince to be wise, for he hath a great Charge to Rule and Govern a Nation: Your late King foreseeing *Rome* and her Pope's intentions, how that he intended to enslave his Subjects, and to keep them in the state of ignorance, con-

Let the Reader consider the old manner of Preaching, and compare it to these dayes. *Geo. Browne* sheweth how *Rome* hath affronted the truth of the holy Gospel from the people.

How *Rome* will have false Teachers to delude us.

This Prophecy is fulfilled by the Sectaries that are now in the Church amongst us.

K. Hen. 8th his providence to provide for his Son *Edward* before his

might quickly be wrought on, therefore he prepared before his death a wise and Learned sort of Counsellors for his Sons Overseers, not trusting to one or two, but to several, that he might the better Rule his people, whose eyes the Lord God Almighty hath opened betimes, to behold his wondrous works.

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Though the words of my Text be plainly thus (*Open thou mine eyes*) the meanest of you that hear me have eyes, but the true meaning of the words is, Endue us with understanding; for a Fool hath eyes, and sees men, women, beasts, birds, and other things, but yet wants understanding: So when we say, *Open thou our eyes*, we desire the Lord God to instruct and teach us the knowledge of his Laws.

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When you were lately led in blindness, your eyes beheld the Images that then stood in several of the Monasteries and Churches until they were removed; yet all this while were your understandings blinded, because ye believed in them, and placed your trust in them.

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Suppose an Artist or Workman make an Image either of Man or Woman, and at last a Clergy-man of Rome give it such a name, calling it *St. Peter*, or *St. Paul*, or *St. Mary*, or *St. Anne*; must not that man, though he behold his own handy work, and knows in his heart that it was his own work, be blind, and void of reason and understanding of the Law of God, and of the wondrous things that are contained in the Law of the Lord? Yes, surely he must be blind, and void of Reason, and of the true Faith, that would worship the same.

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The Workman carved the Eyes, but these Eyes cannot see; he likewise carved the Ears, but they hear not; the Nose, and it smells not; the Mouth, and it neither breathes or speaks; the Hands, they feel not; the Feet, but they stand stock still.

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How therefore can your Prayers be acceptable unto this Image that sees you not approaching towards it, that hears you not when you pray to it, that smells not the sweet smells, be they of Myrrh or Frankincense burning before it?

absolve you, when the mouth is not able to say, *Thy sin are sine it given thee*. And if you place a certain sum of Money in the palm of the hand of that Image, & come you again to morrow, the Money, it is true, shall find a customer, but the Image never the wiser, who took it; and if you desire to have it come unto you, it cannot without help; therefore the Workman that made this Image, is as blind, as deaf, as dumb, and as void of sense as the Image it self, and so be ye all that do put your trusts in them.

Therefore of late new Artificers, by springs have made artificial ones, which for a certain time shall move, and ye shall believe it to be real and certain. But beware good people, for they be but lying wonders, purposely that ye may break the Law of God. And thus hath the Devil devised a lying wonder, that ye may be deluded to break the Law of the

Lord, which is, *Thou shalt not make unto thy self any Graven Image.* O Lord open thou our Eyes, our Ears, and our Understanding; that we may behold the wondrous things that are in thy Law. The Law of God is an Undeiled Law. Oh why should

we be so wicked then as to defile that Law, which the Almighty God hath made so pure without blemish. Jesus came to fulfil the Law, and not to abolish the Law. But there are a new fraternity of men sprung up, who call themselves Jesuits, which will deceive many, who are much after the Scribes and Pharisees manner. Amongst the Jews they shall strive to abolish the truth, and shall come very near to do it; for these sorts will turn themselves into several forms, with the Heathen

an Heathenist; with Aristotle, an Atheist; with the Jews, a Jew; and with the Reformers, a Reformer, purposely to know your intentions, your minds, your hearts, and your inclinations, and thereby bring you at last to be like the fool that said in his heart, there was no God. I here shall tread over the whole World, shall be admitted into the Council of Brides, and they never the wiser. Charming of them, ye making your Princes reveal their hearts, and the secrets there

Pretty cheaters to delude poor Souls. viz. the Image of our Lady Lawretta.

A Prophecy of the Jesuit how all Schisms shall come from and by this means. This Prophecy is fulfilled in the story of He and Faithful Commune.

from falling from the Grace of God, by neglect of fulfilling of
the Law of God, and by working at their sins & yet in the
end God to punish his law, shall suddenly cut off this So-
ciety even by the hands of those who have most secured
them, and made use of them; so that at the end they shall
become odious to all Nations: They shall be worse then Jews,
having no resting place upon the Earth, and then shall a Jew
have more favour then a Jew. Now, to arm you all good
Christians against these things that are to come, lest ye be led
into temptation; Cry unto the Lord your God, and heartily
pray that he would be so merciful unto you as to open the eyes
of your understanding, that you may behold the wonders and plai-
sures that are in his Law. Which God of his mercy grant
that you may all do.

Thus concluding with the Acts and Deeds of his Reverend Father, we
shall end with Queen Marys Designs, how she intended to have per-
secuted the Protestants in Ireland, but by Providence prevented; yet you
shall further know by this following Relation, being avowed by several
sufficient persons, as well Ecclesiastical as Civil.

Queen Mary having dealt severely with the Protestants in England, a-
bout the latter end of her Reign, signed a Commission for to take the same
course with them in Ireland, and to execute the same with greater force,
she nominates Doctor Cole one of the Commissioners, sending the Com-
mission by this Doctor, who in his journey coming to Chester, the Mayor
of that City hearing that Her Majesty was sending a Messenger into Ire-
land, and he being a Churchman, went on the Doctor, who in discourse
with the Mayor which out of a Cloak bag he took a Box, saying unto him
Here is a Commission that shall make the Heretics of Ireland, calling the
Protestants by that title; The good Woman of the House being well af-
fected to the Protestant Religion, and also having a Brother named
John Edwards of the same, then a Citizen in Dublin, was much troubled
at the Doctors words: but watching her convenient time, whilst the Mayor
took his leave, and the Doctor complementing him down the stairs, she
opens the Box and takes the Commission, and placing it in her bosom, she
of paper with a Pack of Cards, the raised the Cards up, and found within

had been done, put up the Box as formerly. The next day, going to the Waterfide, wind and weather serving him, he sails towards *Ireland*, and landed on the Seventh of *October*, 1558. at *Dublin*; then coming to the Castle, the Lord *Fitz Walters* being Lord Deputy sent for him to come before him and the Privy Council, who coming in, after he had made a Speech relating upon what account he came over, he presents the Box unto the Lord Deputy, who causing it to be opened, that the Secretary might read the Commission, there was nothing save a pack of Cards with the Knave of Clubs uppermost, which not only startled the Lord Deputy and Council, but the Doctor, who assured them he had a Commission, but knew not how it was gone: then the Lord Deputy made answer, *Let us have another Commission, and we will shuffle the Cards in the meanwhile*; The Doctor being troubled in his mind went away, and returned into *England*; and coming to the Court obtained another Commission; but staying for a wind at the Waterfide, news came unto him, that the Queen was dead, and thus God preserved the Protestants in *Ireland*.

This being a Copy of *Richard Earl of Cork* his Memorials, as also of *Henry Usher* sometime Lord Primate of *Armagh*, being also entred amongst Sir *James Wares* Manuscripts, who hath often heard the late *James Usher*, Nephew to the said *Henry*, and also Primate of *Armagh*, averr the same, and wondred that Mr. *Fox* had not inserted it in his *Acts and Monuments*; there is yet living a reverend Father of the Church, *Henry* now Lord Bishop of *Meath*, who can affirm this Relation from the said *James Usher* late Lord Primate of all *Ireland*.

Upon the recalling of the Lord *Fitz Walters* into *England*; the Queen *Elizabeth* by the Grace of God &c. succeeding, discoursing with the said Lord concerning several passages here in *Ireland*, amongst other discourses he related the aforesaid passage that had hapned in *Ireland*, which so delighted the Queen, that Her Majesty sent for the good Woman, named *Elizabeth Edmonds*, by her Husband named *Mattershad*, and gave her a Pension of Forty pound *durante vita*, for saving her Protestant Subjects of *Ireland*.

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had been done; put up the Box as formerly. The next day, going to the
 Wexford, wind and weather serving him, he sails towards Ireland, and
 landed on the seventh of October, 1778, at Dublin; then coming to
 the Castle, the Lord Vice-Chancellor, Lord Dunsany, and for him to come
 before him and the Privy Council, who coming in, after he had made a
 speech relating upon what account he came over, he presents the Box unto
 the Lord Deputy, who casting it to be opened, that the Secretary might
 read the Commission, there was nothing save a pack of Cards with the
 Name of Clubbappertost, which not only startled the Lord Deputy and
 Council, but the Doctor, who assured them that he had a Commission, but knew
 not how it was gone; then the Lord Deputy made answer, that he had
 another Commission, and will assist the Cards in the mean while; The
 Doctor being troubled in his mind went away, and returned into England;
 and coming to the Court obtained another Commission; but staying for a
 while at the Wexford, news came to him, that the Queen was dead, and
 that God preserved the Protestant Successors.

This being a Copy of Richard Earl of Cork's Memorial, as also of
 Henry Underhill's Memorial, Lord Primate of Armagh, being also entered among the
 Sir James Henry's Manuscripts, who hath often heard the late James Underhill
 nephew to the said Henry, and also Primate of Armagh, averr the same, and
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